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PACIFIC FRUIT EXPRESS COMPANY

January News Letter

San Francisco, January 18, 1956

ALL P.F.E. EMPLOYEES:

P.F.E. Loadings

	1955			1954		
	PFE Cars	Foreigns	Total	PFE Cars	Foreigns	Total
December	28,681	1,253	29,934	27,598	2,212	29,810
Year	353,718	39,248	392,966	360,149	37,317	397,466

The light car supply that prevailed in December continued into January, our situation deteriorating to the extent that supplies in the heavier loading areas of Southern California, Arizona, Idaho and Texas are barely adequate to meet requirements from day to day. It became necessary to make wider use of foreign cars developing on line to assure full protection of prospective requirements. All active PFE equipment is being confined to contract line service and operating forces are concentrating on obtaining utmost efficiency in returning cars to contract lines and to loading sections.

CROP CONDITIONS

Along Union Pacific:

Eastern District. Our potato shipments from Colorado and Western Nebraska are affected by heavy truck movement. Packing house products and miscellaneous are moving in normal volume.

In Idaho potato and onion loading has maintained good volume since mid-November and under present favorable markets should continue while supplies are available.

In Pacific Northwest the normal seasonal movement of pears, apples and miscellaneous commodities such as canned goods, frozen foods and nursery stock will maintain present volume through the month.

Along Southern Pacific:

Western Territory: In Oregon movement of potatoes and pears from storages are expected to be normal. Onion shipments from the Willamette Valley continue light. Movement of other commodities, mainly canned goods and frozen foods, will be normal.

In Northern California citrus from the Porterville District will continue below normal due to light crop. Grape movement will be slightly heavier than normal due to large storage holdings. Winter vegetable movement will be light as crops in some sections were adversely affected by heavy rains. Movement of other commodities, mainly canned goods, wine and frozen foods, will be at normal seasonal rate.

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P.F.E. Roadways

December Year	1935			1934		
	P.F.E. Cars	Foreign	Total	P.F.E. Cars	Foreign	Total
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Southwestern District: While lettuce movement from Yuma and Imperial Valley has not reached full potential due to poor demand and market, shipments should be in good volume during January and could become heavy should market improve. Severe freeze damage in Florida has resulted in improved demand and markets for most vegetables, consequently movement from the West Coast of Mexico is expected to be heavy during the latter part of January. Vegetables from other sections also improved and should be slightly heavier than normal balance of the month. Movement of other commodities, mainly citrus and frozen foods, will be at normal seasonal rate.

In Texas, with improved markets vegetables from the Rio Grande Valley increased rapidly and should continue in good volume during January. However, lettuce movement from this section will be light due to poor markets. Vegetable shipments from other sections should also continue in good volume.

SAFETY PERFORMANCE - 1955

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Store Department

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Warren Ford
Roger Joyce
Otto Charlson

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